The Field Museum

# Natural News

Weekly Staff Newsletter
July 9, 1999

## CLEANUP WEEK II

**Coming next week**
**to a Museum near you!**

**Kickoff Event**
**Monday, July 12 at 8:30**
**Stanley Field Hall**

**Stop by for coffee and donuts**
**on your way in to work**

DETAILS INSIDE

## FIELD NOTES

*Week of July 12*

### Public Events/Special Events

Members' Lecture: Wilma Mankiller
- Tuesday 7 p.m. in JST

Downtown Thursday Nights
(Museum open until 8 p.m.)
- Thursday

### Staff/Volunteer Events

Cleanup Week II
- Kickoff Monday 8:30 a.m. in SFH
- Cleaning supplies, equipment available through Housekeeping
- Extra recycling bins/shredder bins available throughout building

Aerobics Class
- Tuesday 5 p.m., Ground Floor East
- Thursday 5 p.m., Classroom A

Tuesday Noon Seminar Series
- Zoology Classroom

Running Club
- Wednesday 5 p.m.
  Meets at West Door

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### ATTENTION MOVIE BUFFS!!

Call or stop by the Human Resources office for discounted movie tickets for Loews/Cineplex Odeon/ Sony Theatres for only $5. *(Check your newspaper to make sure discounted tickets may be used for your movie.)*

## Museum staff work together to help *Living Together* donor

*The Challenge:* The John Nuveen Company, which has supported the *Living Together* exhibit and endowed a curatorship in Anthropology (and whose CEO, Tim Schwertfeger, is a Museum trustee), had some exhibit cases in their corporate headquarters which they wanted to fill with a meaningful display.

*The Solution:* Development's **Paul Baker** was given the task of coming up with some interesting cultural artifacts from The Field Museum that could loaned to Nuveen.

Enter the Harris Loan Center, the "warehouse of wonders," and our collection of teaching materials. Paul and I went through the Harris collection, chose cultural material we thought Nuveen might be interested in, and then created a display of different items for Nuveen staff to view here at the Museum.

They immediately took to some of our Northwest Coast masks, purchased in the early 1980s when the experience boxes were developed to support the Northwest Coast exhibit.

But how to get them mounted and prepared for display in Nuveen's gleaming headquarters? Enter the Exhibits department, and new staff member **Jeanelle De La Paz**, who coordinated the effort.

**Bob Weiglein** designed the display for the Nuveen cases and worked with former Field Museum Education preparator Earl Locke (husband of Exhibits' **Pam Gaible**) to get mounts made and installed.

Education volunteer and teacher **Kristine Frazier** (wife of Exhibits' **Eric Frazier**) provided information for the case labels, and the next thing you know, Nuveen has a new exhibit!

The Northwest Coast masks will be on exhibit at the offices of the John Nuveen Company, 333 West Wacker Drive, for one year, and then they will go back out on loan to Chicago schools.

Submitted by **Dan Brinkmeier**

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## CCUC receives MacArthur Foundation grant

The Center for Cultural Understanding and Change recently received a grant of $100,000 from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation in generous support of the Center's Urban Research Initiative. Funding for the Initiative will run for one year and begins this summer with an ethnographic research internship program, which CCUC piloted during the summer of 1998, also with support from the MacArthur Foundation.

The goal of the Urban Research Initiative is to combine research and practice to understand social change in the 21st century urban environment. Fifteen interns, most from local universities, have been partnered with community based organizations in Chicago to conduct ethnographic research through the summer.

Submitted by **Madeleine Tudor**

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## Museum staff and volunteers stuffed senseless!

The Field Associates would like to thank everyone who attended the *Dance with the Ants* lunch get-together on Wednesday, June 30. With your help, we were able not only to scarf down 12 pizzas, but also to send out 2,000 invitations for our upcoming fundraiser, *Dance with the Ants*.

Although we did get a lot of work done in a very short amount of time, it was also nice to mingle with various individuals from other departments. Virtually every department was represented! Due to the sporadic deliveries from the printer, we are sorry to report that there will not be a "round two" invitation stuffing lunch as we originally thought.

Congratulations to **David Quednau** who won the raffle for two complimentary tickets to *Dance with the Ants*. Again, we appreciate everyone's time and effort!

Submitted by **Jason Lanning** (Field Associates Intern)

# FURNITURE SWAP

Speak to **Martin Valeri** (Museum Store) at ext. 7653 about these items:

5' tall white slatwall fixture,
plus chrome slatwall hooks/acrylic slatwall fixtures
Large white brochure/bin fixture
2x3x3 wooden crate, open on one side
3-shelf glass/chrome lighted display case, 7' tall
2 metal printer stands
Mahogany stained minidesk
3' high wood crate table
4 plaster roman columns, 2.5' tall
3 white slatwall wall panels 3x5,
plus chrome slatwall hooks/acrylic slatwall fixtures
Assorted holiday decorations (wreaths, garland, trees)
Adjustable tilt computer keyboard shelf

Speak to **Stephanie Powell** (Auxiliary Boards) at ext. 7132 about these items:

Coffee machine
Typewriter
Hard drive back-up
Adding machine
Desk organizer
Bookcase

Speak to **Ron Hall** (Audio-Visual) at ext. 7915 about this item:

Piano

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If you're interested in an item on this list, call today.

On Monday of next week, Aaron Bros. Movers will help transport these and other items to the Shipping Dock, where they will be available on a first-come, first-served basis until Friday at noon. Speak to **Rodger Patience** at ext. 7286 or **Tom Geary** at ext. 7247 if you need the movers.

Creative Reuse will come to take away any remaining furniture on Friday afternoon.

SOLDIER FIELD
JOINT VENTURE

DATE: July 8, 1999

TO: Diane White
Bill Wilhelm
Fred Watts

FROM: Joanne Kelleher

RE: July 10-11, 1999 staff parking

On July 10-11, 1999 the NHL Breakout Event will be taking place in the lower portion of the East Soldier Field Parking Lot. Due to the fact that this event will occupy approximately half of the East Lot, we ask that all Museum Campus staff park in the Planetarium Lot leaving the remaining spaces in the East and North Lots for guests of the Museum Campus and NHL Breakout.

Please notify your staff that the Planetarium Lot will be accepting monthly hang tags and non-event day passes on these days. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at 747-1279.

Sincerely,

Joanne Kelleher

Parking Coordinator

cc: B. Glazebrook

## Jewels of the Solar System at The Field Museum

The Field Museum is commemorating the thirtieth anniversary of the first Moon walk (June 20, 1969) with a temporary display of a lunar sample collected during the 1972 Apollo 17 mission. Stop by and see this celestial sample in the Grainger Hall of Gems through August 2, 1999. While you're there, check out the new permanent Grainger Gallery exhibition featuring presolar diamond particles and meteorite samples from Mars.

The Moon rock is on loan from NASA's Langley Research Center thanks to meteoritics curator Meenakshi Wadhwa who facilitated the loan. Kudos also goes to the team that pulled this small, yet challenging exhibit together. Exhibits: Michael Burns, David Hanke, Paula Horecny, Goshia Koscielak, Kent Peaslee, David Quednau, and Trigg Waller; Geology: Clarita Nunez; Security Services: Ron Cundiff; AV: Ron Hall, Bob Cazy, and Mentee Teah.

Submitted by Anamari Golf

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The Field Associates proudly present

# Dance with the ants!

We're celebrating the opening of *Underground Adventure* with some get down and funky entertainment from Chicago's hottest 70's dance band ... out of sight food from our town's favorite eateries ... and, of course, a chance to get small ... really small ... for a bug's eye view of the underground world beckoning just below the surface.

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| Date: | Friday, July 23, 1999, 7:30 p.m. to midnight. |
| Place: | Stanley Field Hall |
| Tickets: | Field Museum staff members $40 per person.<br>All others $65 in advance, or $80 at the door.<br>(Please reserve your space by noon on Thursday, July 22.) |
| After Party: | Join us at Narcisse, 710 North Clark Street<br>immediately following the party. |

Entertainment by The Afrodisiacs 70's dance band.
Food by Big Bowl, Bistro Zinc, Bricks, Brio, Corner Bakery, foodlife,
Krispy Kreme, Marché, Red Light, Spago, and more!
Full open bar. Cocktail attire. Be ready to shake your thorax!
Please call Amanda Geppert at ext. 7133 with any questions or to make your reservation.

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We appreciate your patience!

During the next several months, the Human Resources Department will begin its transition to the Lawson computer system, the same system that was implemented in the Finance Department. We are very excited about the capabilities of this new system, especially the interface with the finance department.

With any transition of this magnitude, there are always obstacles. The first will occur during the next two months. Our staff must attend extensive training in order to design and maintain the system, so each of us will be out of the building for several days at a time (starting next week).

Please be assured that we will do everything we can to meet your needs. However, we may not be able to provide answers for you as quickly as we would like. We truly appreciate your understanding.

If you need assistance or have questions about our availability please call ext. 7281.

Submitted by **Shawn VanDerziel**

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# CLEANUP WEEK II

**When is Cleanup Week again?**
All together now: Monday through Friday of next week, July 12 to 16.

**Think of this as "Spring Cleaning"**
We're holding another Cleanup Week for the sake of maintaining the good advances we made during our first effort; to make our work areas more pleasant and comfortable; and to recycle old furniture and unneeded paper. We'll try not to focus so much on short-term results (like the vacuuming project last time), but on the ongoing upkeep of and cleanliness of the Museum.

**Call Housekeeping if you need anything**
The Housekeeping department will be available throughout the week to provide cleaning supplies and to help remove recycling and trash containers from your area. They can also mop/vacuum to some degree as needed. Call **Ali Obaidallah** at ext. 7920 if you need anything from Housekeeping.

**Recycling**
There will be three containers for confidential material which needs to be shredded before it is recycled—look for the bins with the slots on top located on the ground, third and fourth floors. Full bins are shredded by the company right in their truck before the paper is taken away from the Museum. Speak to **Michael Paha** at ext. 7355 if you have recycling questions.

**Furniture**
Aaron Bros. Movers will come on Monday (and Tuesday if necessary) to help you move unwanted furniture from your department to the Shipping Dock, where it will be available for staff to claim through Friday at noon. On Friday afternoon, all furniture will be removed by Creative Reuse, which makes furniture available to teachers and educational institutions. Speak to me or to **Tom Geary** at ext. 7247 if you need the movers.

**One final request**
There are many "common" areas in the Museum which are shared by several departments—those of you who are in this situation know who you are! Please do your best to identify what needs to be cleaned in those in-between spaces, and then help each other to take care of it.

Submitted by **Rodger Patience** (ext. 7286)